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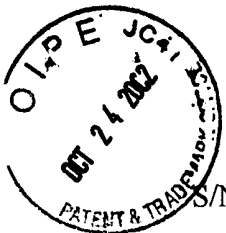
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2002, Applicants request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims ~~1-5~~ without prejudice. Please add new claims 6-9 as follows.

6. (New) A method for detecting a Korean strain of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* from a clinical isolate or a sample of body fluid, the method comprising:
- isolating DNA from the clinical isolate or sample of body fluid;
 - contacting the isolated DNA under conditions suitable for amplifying a REP13E12 repeat sequence of the Korean strain of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* with a primer comprising sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 and a primer comprising sequence of SEQ ID NO:4; the repeat sequence comprising about 234 base pairs; and
 - assaying for amplified REP13E12;